(Accounts) will be formed to decide the names of purchasers alongwith quantity of wheat to be given to applicant(s) /intending buyer(s). For this purpose application will be received by the DM, FCI, from the intending buyers by 7th of each month alongwith 10% Earnest Money for the quantity indented. Concerned DM will ensure that the applications of the interning buyers are entered in a register kept in his office. These applications will be sent to SRM, FCI, for consideration of the Committee will be sent to District Manager, FCI, by 15th of the month, who will finally issue Release Orders to the purchasers by 15th of every month. The purchasers will have to deposit the full amounts (after adjusting END) as per the price in force on the date of delivery.

Transparency by displaying the names of purchasers on notice boards

(viii) A notice board should be prominently displayed in the office of DM, FCI, indicating clearly the tentative quantity available for sale, total stocks available and rates of open sale, alongwith a list of allottees. List of allottees should also be displayed prominently in the office of concerned SRM, FCI, and Director Food & Supplies.

(ix) In order to reduce difficulties and harassment, the purchasers should be advised to lift the stock from the nearest depot where stock of wheat is available.

First in-First Out

(x) FCI should strictly enforce the policy of First in - First Out of foodgrains stocks in Food Corporation of India Godowns/Storage.

De-Notification of National Parks

717. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal mining and industrial activities are being carried out in the protected forest areas as reported in the 'Asian Age', dated October 7, 1996; and

(b) if so, the action taken to check de-notification of the National Parks and Sanctuaries endangering animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Some instances of illegal mining and industrial activities in protected areas have come to notice. Proposals for such projects submitted in some cases have been rejected and in others permission earlier given has been revoked.

(b) The State Governments are empowered under Section 26-A(3) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to alter the boundaries of national parks and sanctuaries only after a resolution to this effect is passed by the Legislature of the State concerned.

Assault on Journalists

718. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some journalists were physically assaulted and abused by the BSP leaders recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof the reaction of journalists in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). Delhi police have registered two criminal cases at Police Station Tughlak Road, New Delhi, one on the basis of complaint lodged by a media person and the other by in-charge Security of Ms. Mayawati, in connection with the incident reports to have taken place at the residence of Shri Kanshi Ram, Member of Parliament, on the 25th October, 1996.

Press Council of India had constituted a special fact finding Inquiry Committee to look into the incident of 25th October, 1996, but the Council subsequently decided not to proceed with the inquiry in view of the objections raised by the media persons.

Training Centres in Gujarat

719. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have launched a scheme